



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Introduction:** Kansas Bureau of Oral Health in partnership with Oral Health Kansas, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved and Kansas Head Start Association is uniting with the DentaQuest Foundation on a national vision of improving the oral health of all people under the Oral Health 2020 grant. The purpose of this grant is *Strengthening the Network, Health Equity and Innovation*. Through this partnership, *Kansas Oral Health Connections* was formed to transform the oral health delivery systems through a set of ambitious and achievable goals.

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**Project Overview:** Kansas Bureau of Oral Health's project outlines a pilot program that will amplify our current network. We will focus on 5 clinics and implement new strategies to promote oral health through health professionals, water operators, educators, civic, government, philanthropic organizations and the general public. Through this pilot program, we will be able to reach out to other stakeholders to strengthen the web of relationships needed to evolve the network to the next level, identify unexpected emerging outcomes and adapt to those emerging outcomes. Lessons learned will be applied to future statewide and nationwide programs.

**Basic Information:** Kansas Bureau of Oral Health wants to provide funding for 5 clinics in the amount of \$10,000 - \$25,000 to expand their current oral health outreach program. The clinics must have an established and functioning oral health outreach program with expansion capabilities, that has continued to provide screening and sealant data to the state. The expansion of this program should include;

1. Marketing and incentives to encourage an increase in number of children participating in sealant program (SSP) school level and child/parent level.
  - i. School and/or class room incentives for returning forms (will accept forms from children that mark \*I have a dental home – to be included in the tally).
  - ii. Educational material/contact with schools to promote SSP
2. IPAD or other Tablet for data collection purposes and/or patient education purposes.
3. Innovative supplies to reduce financial burden on practitioner, calibrate quality of work and streamline procedure; sealant site kits, mobile sterilizer, chair, or other items.
4. Integration of oral health into the classroom. Encouraging students to investigate oral health and whole health. Support health sciences. Spark interest in dental profession and higher education. Develop future dental leaders. Offer yearly \$500-1000 scholarship towards a technical, community or university in Kansas to students who base their science or community health project on oral health. The school of the winning student would also receive a \$250 gift card to be used for school supplies/equipment. Subjects to highlight but not restricted to;
  - i. Sealants
  - ii. Dental health relates to overall health
  - iii. Fluoride
  - iv. Community water fluoridation – public health
  - v. Tooth development
5. Bring in one non-traditional partner from within the community to support oral health needs.

**\*\*\*ADDITIONAL FEATURES COULD INCLUDE:**

- Develop a system to close loop of dental health care with follow-up for children with dental health needs and emergency's with dental care coordination, services or care coordinator.
- Survey of school for interest and feasibility for an in school based restorative services program.
- Education component to elevate community, health professionals, civic leaders, philanthropic organizations or educators.
- Use your knowledge of your community to develop a network to support oral health equity.
- Creativity is a bonus!!!

***Submission Requirements:*** Innovative strategies are necessary to address the many significant barriers that are faced by individuals and groups working to improve oral health. Applicants invited to submit a full proposal should be prepared to explicitly describe the innovative context of the proposed activities in relation to DentaQuest Foundation's model of innovation. The description should place the activities as a sustaining, evolutionary, revolutionary, or disruptive innovation by addressing the characteristics and questions associated with the specific type of innovation proposed in the model. - See more at:

[http://dentaquestfoundation.org/sites/default/files/model\\_of\\_innovation.png](http://dentaquestfoundation.org/sites/default/files/model_of_innovation.png)

***If selected for this grant opportunity, your program will be required to participate as a speaker in a school sealant program meeting over the summer of 2016. This school sealant network meeting will be open to all individuals participating in school based services and each pilot program will report on the history of their program. Presentation should include:***

- 1. Your expanded program plan**
- 2. What really happened**
- 3. What would you change**
- 4. How did your network expand**
- 5. Needs for the future**
- 6. Any Aha moments**
- 7. Anything that you think would help someone else develop their program!**

***Your proposal should be no more than 3 pages in length. Highlight your current program, your innovative project overview, how this is going to help your program, support and barriers of program, and the amount requested with a budget justification. Do not include the state or county needs assessment. This proposal should mainly focus on your innovative idea, not the burden of disease. Include two (2) letters of reference or support for program (does not count towards the three pages). Please include your principal contact name, address, phone and email. This grant will begin November 15, 2015 and end August 31, 2016 to capture, at minimum, the Spring semester of school.***

***All submissions must be made by e-mail to [KBOH@kdheks.gov](mailto:KBOH@kdheks.gov) ; subject line; KOHC/KBOH Pilot Program 2015, by October 23, 2015. Awardees will be notified by email on or before November 3, 2015.***

***Bureau of Oral Health is making this grant available through funding from the DentaQuest Foundation, therefore, it does not have the typical federal and state guidelines or reporting features that are usually required with state funding. We encourage you to explore the web-links and become familiar with DentaQuest Foundation and Oral Health 2020. BE CREATIVE! If you have any further questions, please contact us at [KBOH@kdheks.gov](mailto:KBOH@kdheks.gov) .***